

MINUTES

SLIDELL CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 27, 1988

6:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Council, Richard Van Sandt. All members were present.

Councilman Van Sandt removed Item C. 4. from the consent calendar, Resolution R88-56 accepting the Legislators Auditor's System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as complete and accurate. Councilman Berault removed Item C. 1. from the consent calendar, Resolution R88-53 which opposes the collection of the City of Slidell's sales taxes by the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office. Councilman-at-Large Singletary removed Item C. 2. from the consent calendar, Resolution R88-54 proclaiming Saturday, October 22, 1988, as "Recycling Awareness Day."

Councilman Washington, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Singletary, moved to adopt the consent calendar as amended.

A. Approval of the Minutes of the September 13, 1988, Meeting.

B. Proposed Ordinances:

1. **Item No. 88-09-1292:** An ordinance rescinding and re-enacting Chapter 4 Animals and Fowl* of the Code of Ordinances, (Van Sandt/Singletary, both by request).
2. **Item No. 88-09-1296:** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designated representative to negotiate and acquire servitudes for public works projects, (Van Sandt/Singletary, both by request).
3. **Item No. 88-09-1297:** An Ordinance rezoning a parcel of property located east of Voter's Road and north of the Ecol Gas Station and Old Spanish Trail, from C-4 Highway Commercial to C-6 Regional Shopping Center District, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).
4. **Item No. 88-09-1298:** An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 20.02 acres of land located north of the Ecol Gas Station and Old Spanish Trail, and east of Voter's Road, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).
5. **Item No. 88-09-1299:** An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately 17.88 acres of land located east of Voter's Road and north of the Ecol Gas Station and Old Spanish Trail, as petitioned by Mr. Angelo A. Paternostro, (Washington/Van Sandt, both by request).
6. **Item No. 88-09-1300:** An ordinance annexing and rezoning approximately one (1) acres of land located on Carol Drive in the Holiday Acres Subdivision, as petitioned by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pennington, (Berault/Van Sandt, both by request).
7. **Item No. 88-09-1301:** An ordinance annexing and zoning approximately .128 acres of land located adjacent to Arby's Restaurant, as petitioned by the City of Slidell, (Berault/Van Sandt, both by request).
8. **Item No. 88-09-1302:** An ordinance amending Chapter 9 Crimes - Miscellaneous, Section 9-57 Obstructing Public Passages, of the Code of Ordinances, (Van Sandt/Singletary, by request).

NOTE: A Public Hearing will be held on the above listed ordinances on Tuesday, October 25, 1988, at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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C. Proposed Resolution:

3. R88-55: A resolution requesting the Department of Transportation and Development establish a "No Truck Route" for State Highway 11 within the City of Slidell, (Van Sandt/Callahan).

D. Bids and Request to Purchase:

1. Street Saver Program (Phase A)
2. Aluminum Hydraulic Shoring
3. 1989 Diesel Truck
4. Personal Computer - Slidell Police Department Warrants Division

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilman Berault explained Item C. 1., Resolution R88-53, which opposes the collection of the City of Slidell's sales taxes by any other governing authority. Councilman Salvaggio submitted a substitute resolution to this item. He explained the substitution would allow an exception for the Inter-Governmental Agreements. Councilman Berault withdrew his Resolution R88-53 to allow for replacement with Councilman Salvaggio's substitute Resolution R88-53. There was a discussion with Councilman-at-Large Martinez expressing a need for the Council to address the fiscal reform package of the State Legislature.

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Berault, moved to adopt Resolution R88-53 as substituted by Councilman Salvaggio.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary briefly spoke in regard to Item C. 2., Resolution R88-54 which proclaims Saturday, October 22, 1988, as "Recycling Awareness Day." He introduced Virginia Kamath of the Women's League of Voters. She briefed the Council on a recycling conference scheduled for October 22, 1988, in Covington, Louisiana. This conference is free and open to the public.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Resolution R88-54.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Item No. C. 4., Resolution R88-56 which accepts the Legislators Auditor's System Survey and Compliance Questionnaire as complete and accurate, was discussed. The Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, provided the Council with two (2) pages to be inserted into the questionnaire package as substitute pages. He stated that these changes provide for corrections regarding names and addresses of Council employees, along with an additional page with a minor change.

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Resolution R88-56 as amended with the changes provided for as stated above.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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SUSPENSION OF RULES

Councilman Salvaggio, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to suspend the rules to allow Cathy Jones and Gwen Leininger to address the Council regarding the Slidell Centennial Picnic at John Slidell Park scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 1988. They requested the participation of the Council Members in contests, games, and events planned for the picnic. They also stated that the opening ceremonies would take place at 2:00 p.m., and entertainment and a variety of events are scheduled.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Councilman Barthelemy, seconded by Councilman Washington, moved to suspend the rules to bring forward Item Nos. 8. 2. & 3., both discussion items pertaining to the black water problems.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Appearing before the Council was Tony Lombard. Mr. Lombard brought a sample of black water taken from his home and a towel covered with a black substance. There was a lengthy discussion. Also appearing were Horace Hodge and Becky Clark who also brought black water samples. Emile Lombard requested that the City water towers be inspected. The City Engineer, Stan Polivick, advised Mr. Lombard that the City has already drained one (1) tank and inspected it from top to bottom. Angela Ray addressed the Council on an over abundance of chlorine in her water, along with a sewerage back-up in her yard.

Councilwoman Williams commented on the above problems and stated that the City is doing everything they can to help alleviate the problems. Councilman Callahan also reviewed the black water and chlorine problems. He said the Department of U.S. Government can assist at no cost to the City. He also suggested cutting back on the amount of chlorine used in the wells.

REGULAR AGENDA

TABLED ITEMS

Item No. 88-07-1287, an ordinance amending Chapter 2 Administration, of the Code of Ordinances, to add a provision for advertising for public bids, various insurance coverages for the City of Slidell, along with Amendments A through C and Amendment X to Item No. 88-07-1287, were brought before the Council.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary withdrew amendments A through C to Item No. 88-07-1287. He then explained Amendment X to this item, and introduced Amendment Y. Councilman-at-Large Singletary reviewed the proposed ordinance. There was a general Council discussion with Councilman Berault expressing his concerns regarding the use of a bid process for insurance and professional services. He stated that he would oppose the ordinance, and Councilmen Barthelemy and Salvaggio both stated they had reservations regarding restrictions this ordinance placed on the City.

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REGULAR AGENDA (CONTINUED)

TABLED ITEMS

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez moved to adopt Amendment Y to Item No. 88-07-1287.

ROLL CALL	7 Yeas	2 Nays (Berault) (Williams)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary stated that he would like this matter to be postponed until later in the meeting, as he would like to introduce a substitute amendment.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

DISCUSSION ITEM

Councilman-at-Large Martinez, seconded by Councilman Van Sandt, moved to suspend the rules to bring forward Item No. 8. 1., the Slidell Airport discussion matter.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman Barthelemy explained that the airport authority is currently experiencing financial problems and they are requesting that the City of Slidell assist in the operation and maintenance of the airport.

Appearing before the Council was Irma Cry of the Slidell Chamber of Commerce. She spoke in favor of the City assisting the airport. Also appearing was Pat Sherry and Ed Cantin. Mr. Cantin told the Council that the State of Louisiana pledged their help, and State funds are available for the airport next year. He also stated that federal funds will also be available but timing is critical. Councilman Salvaggio stated that the City has a commitment to provide for the D.E.Q. Compliance Order issued regarding sewer line infiltration before even considering spending funds for the Slidell Airport. Councilman Barthelemy said the City has to come first and if extra funds are available, the airport matter could be considered. Councilman Berault stated we should consider what the Mayor suggested in item No. 4 of his memo of September 27, 1988. Councilman-at-Large Martinez said he would like to draw up a format and report back to the Council at the next meeting. A steering committee will be formed to further review this matter.

Councilman Berault, seconded by Councilman Salvaggio made the following verbal resolution: Be it ordained by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened, that the State of Louisiana is requested to provide help for the Slidell Airport, in their time of financial crisis, while the City of Slidell establishes a formal process to study the request for funding and assistance for the Slidell Airport.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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REGULAR AGENDA

TABLED ITEM

Item No. 88-07-1287 regarding insurance coverage and professional services for the City of Slidell was brought back before the Council. Councilman-at-Large Singletary briefly discussed substitute Amendment X to Item No. 88-07-1287 as a compromise between the original amendment and concerns of Administration and some Council Members.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Amendment X as substituted.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nays (Berault)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Item No. 88-07-1287, as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nays (Berault)	0 Absent	CARRIED
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SUSPENSION OF RULES

PUBLIC HEARING

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to suspend the rules to bring forward Item No. 88-08-1293, an ordinance rescinding and re-enacting Section 7-9 (1) (c) (7) of Chapter 7 Buildings* of the Code of Ordinances.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary explained this item regards licensing as it applies to contractors. There was a brief discussion.

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-08-1293. Appearing before the Council was Tommy Couvillion of Associated General Contractors, who spoke in favor of this item.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 88-08-1293.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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TABLED ITEM

Item No. 88-07-1288, an ordinance amending Chapter 9 Crimes - Miscellaneous, Section 9-52 Adoption of Highway Regulatory Act of the State of Louisiana, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, relative to cargo covers, and Amendment A to Item No. 88-07-1288, were brought before the Council.

Councilman Callahan explained the proposed ordinance and amendment regarding the required use of cargo covers, maintaining a distance of two hundred feet (200') between trucks, and requiring trucks to use the right hand lane. Councilman Salvaggio stating that he would like to see State legislation to provide for truck weighing scales in the City of Slidell, with the City running the scales and collecting the fines. There was a brief discussion. Councilman-at-Large Martinez advised the Council that he has a problem with requiring trucks to use the right hand lane of traffic. He stated he would like the minutes to reflect that he feels this requirement may be dangerous and develop into a traffic hazard, and he will not vote for the ordinance.

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TABLED ITEMS (CONTINUED)

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 88-07-1288.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Salvaggio Out of Room)	

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Item No. 88-07-1288 as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	1 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
		(Martinez)		

Item No. 88-07-1291, an ordinance amending Chapter 20 Water* of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Slidell, and Amendment A to Item No. 88-07-1291 were brought before the Council.

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 88-07-1291.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Williams Out of Room)	

Councilman Callahan, seconded by Councilman Barthelemy, moved to adopt Item No. 88-07-1291 as amended.

ROLL CALL	8 Yeas	0 Nays	1 Absent	CARRIED
			(Williams Out of Room)	

PUBLIC HEARING

As advertised, a public hearing was held on Item No. 88-08-1294, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to purchase a right-of-way for public utilities, and Amendment A to Item No. 88-08-1294. Since no one from the public appeared to speak, the public hearing was closed. The Chief of Staff, Reinhard Dearing, explained that the City needs to acquire this right-of-way for water and sewer lines to the Manufacturers Retail Outlet (M.R.O.) Development.

Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Amendment A to Item No. 88-08-1294.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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Councilman-at-Large Singletary, seconded by Councilman Callahan, moved to adopt Item No. 88-08-1294 as amended.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

The Council Administrator, Davis Dautreuil, provided the Council with the latest draft of the proposed Council Chamber renovations. The Council was advised that A-Jax Construction Company would not be able to start the job for a period of eight (8) months to one (1) year. There was a brief discussion of alternative plans for the renovations. Mr. Dautreuil advised the Council that the City would receive 75% of the 1987-88 tobacco tax revenues during fiscal year 1988-89.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Mayor Caruso addressed the Council. He thanked them for their adoption of the insurance proposal ordinance in the form in which it was adopted. He also provided a brief update on the Olde Towne Revitalization Project. He provided information on the Manufacturers Retail Outlet (M.R.O.) Development, with an Act of Sale in approximately six (6) weeks. He gave notification to the Council that he would be going to Orlando, Florida, tomorrow to view the N.A.S.A. rocket launch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Van Sandt, seconded by Councilman-at-Large Martinez moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss the performance and evaluation of Council personnel. Councilman Berault requested that Mayor Caruso and the City Attorney, Elaine Guillot, also attend the session.

ROLL CALL	9 Yeas	0 Nays	0 Absent	CARRIED
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The Council entered into Executive Session at 10:10 P.M. and returned at 12:50 A.M.

Since there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 A.M.

Richard B. Van Sandt
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Councilman, District C
President of the Council

Davis Dautreuil
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Council Administrator/Clerk of the Council